

Proposed South St. Anthony billiard hall incites neighborhood conflict

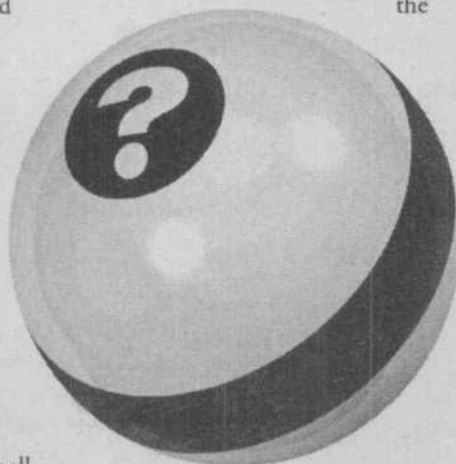
by James Wevley

The possibility of a Vietnamese-operated billiard hall and arcade opening in the former Electric City retail space at 2428 University Avenue ignited a firestorm of protest from local business and property owners. Located along the southern edge of the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, the area around Raymond and University Avenues is home to retail stores, eateries, and professional office spaces.

Tom Leonard, owner of the complex housing Electric City and the building it occupies, recently decided to close his own business and rent out the space to a new tenant. After making this decision, Leonard was approached by a businessman who hopes to open a billiard hall and arcade for the area's Vietnamese residents. Leonard found the businessman to be financially secure and learned from city officials that the structure was zoned properly for such an establishment to occupy the location.

"I don't want to cause any problems for anyone, and I certainly don't want to hurt the neighborhood," Leonard explained, "but the word 'pool hall' evokes horrible responses from people. It's a common leisure time activity."

Neighboring businesses disagree. Escalating crime rates, declining property values, the billiard hall's clientele, and the general "image" of the neighborhood are the primary concerns for those opposing the project. An anonymous flyer was circulated to local business owners decrying the



establishment and those it would attract, and a fax carrying a similar message was recently sent out. Leonard himself received numerous calls after word of the billiard hall leaked out, some supportive, but many negative.

Kevin Cunningham, the owner and head optician of Foci Optiks, is one of the several disapproving voices. Cunningham, one of Leonard's tenants, opened his optical store at 2424 University Avenue two years ago and recently renovated his

retail space.

Calling the project a "bad idea for the neighborhood," Cunningham believes a billiard hall, populated with teenagers inside the premises and on the street, will reflect badly on his own adjacent store, drive away potential clients, and create an eyesore for the neighborhood. Claiming Leonard has misled him from the beginning of his tenancy, Cunningham is considering relocating his business if the billiard hall opens.

Bill Miller echoes Cunningham's opposition to the hall. A commercial photographer and landlord of 2388 University, Miller is concerned about the aesthetically detrimental effects the establishment could have on the area.

"This whole thing is about the image of the neighborhood and the direction it's taking," said Miller. "The general consensus is that nobody wants this area to become the other end of University."

In the past two years, Miller has worked on revitalization projects for the area such as planting trees along the avenue and renovating the space now occupied by Stonehenge in his own building. Currently he is

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Photo by Truman Olson



Elizabeth French's "Exploring the Twin Cities with Kids" enjoys a sixth printing.

French's vital guide for kids and parents

by Barbara Claussen

Lauderdale author Elizabeth French turned her graduate school paper into a bestselling book that has sold over 50,000 copies.

The sixth edition of "Exploring the Twin Cities With Children," published by Nodin Press of Minneapolis, is now on the shelves of local bookstores. Find French, along with illustrator Lynn Sandness, signing copies of the new release at Micawber's on Saturday, September 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

French's book includes many diverse facts, such as the Minneapolis Public Library holds the largest collection of foreign children's books in the area and the Wild Rumpus Bookstore has rats living beneath the floorboards.

In 1974 French was finishing a master's degree in library science at the University of Minnesota. In her spare time she coordinated field trips at her son's Montessori

school. She decided to write her final paper on the importance of children learning about their community by exploring places and participating in local programs.

"I also wanted to include a listing of some of the places and activities that I knew about in the Twin Cities," explained French. She already had a file full of clippings from her volunteer position at the school.

Her advisor was enthusiastic. French read scientific papers and studies that touted the value of children learning about their community. As she compiled addresses, telephone numbers and descriptions for her directory, an interesting phenomenon occurred. She was overwhelmed by requests for the information.

A unique evolution took place. French consulted the yellow pages for local publishers. After a couple of phone calls she reached

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Lauderdale cleans polluted sites

by James Wevley

The Tax-Based Revitalization Program, an organization created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1995, recently granted the city of Lauderdale approximately \$900,000 to cleanup two contaminated properties west of Highway 280.

The polluted industrial sites, one owned by Bolger Publications and the other by the University of Minnesota, qualified for state funding for the grant cycle ending in May of this year.

In order to receive grant money, polluted properties must fulfill two requirements. First, they must be industrial or

abandoned sites, and second, the purification of the property must in some way contribute to an increase in a community's tax base. Of the 3.2 million dollars available for Minnesota cities in this cycle, Lauderdale received almost one third of the funds. The Tax-Based Revitalization Program is conducted using a point system to determine how much a particular city's tax base may be enlarged and the quality of jobs a renovated site may produce for the community. In total, 11 proposals were made state-wide for cleanup efforts, and all received at least some funding.

While both Lauderdale sites contain pollutants deemed

harmful to humans, the University of Minnesota property, purchased by the U in 1974, has the most intriguing legacy attached to it. Constructed upon the six-and-a-half acre site in 1905, a 4,000-square-foot, five-story building was originally an electric substation for the Minnesota General Electric Company. In 1946, the Lightning Transience Research Institute (LTRI) acquired the property.

The LTRI, a non-profit research program, tested the effects of lightning and electricity on aircraft instrumentation and, in the 1970s on a similar apparatus

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St. Anthony Park Community Council

NEWS

Council actions at a glance

At its August 7 Meeting the Council:

- Voted to recommend denial for a requested noise variance for a concert on the afternoon and early evening of August 17 at Midway Stadium. Problems of enforcement and difficulties from last year were cited as the reasons for the recommendation.
- Voted to communicate to the Minneapolis City Council Member Joan Campbell and others our Community Council position that **action is absolutely necessary to resolve the odor problem coming from South East Minneapolis**. The resolution also gave a time line for expected response. This will be followed with close scrutiny and it is clear that the Council is taking a very strong stand on this issue.
- Moved to gather more information about residents preferences about the color of light posts in St. Anthony Park.
- Voted to send a letter of opposition to the license requested for the St. Paul Firearms Co. on Snelling Avenue.
- Voted to send a letter to City officials urging that the appointed Community Council representatives on the Sales Tax And Revitalization (STAR) Board be current voting members of a Community Council.

Community-wide garage sale Sept. 14. Register now!

Participants will hold sales from 9-5 on Saturday, September 14 and donate 10% of their proceeds (tax deductible) to the Community Council. The Community Council provides signs and newspaper ads. We also print and distribute maps and lists of the sales the morning of the sale.

This is a fun, community building event, and a great way to see your re-usable items find a new home. You make some money, and feel good about seeing your things go where they will be used and appreciated. You may want to go in with a neighbor to have help and share the fun. This is an ecologically sound activity indeed! We hold this event the week before the Neighborhood Cleanup to promote reuse before recycling.

Call the Council office by September 9 (292-7884) to register.

Neighborhood cleanup to feature curbside collection of appliances

The big change this year will be that residents will not have to haul appliances to the cleanup site. Appliances will be collected curbside the following Monday morning. Your vouchers have been mailed and they contain all the information.

The event will be Saturday September 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the Cleanup, please call the Council office at 292-7884.

Employment Opportunity

Part-time Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coordinator. Flexible hours. \$9/hour. Call 292-7884 for more information.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 13). Everyone is welcome!

Office: 890 Cromwell, St. Paul, MN 55114

292-7884

Community Organizer: Abby Struck

Members: Bob Arndorfer, JoAnn Benesh, Sheri Booms, Andy Boss, Sheryl Brutlag, Ken Holdeman, Richard Kirnala, Nowell Leitzke, Alice Magnuson, Carole Mannheim, Jack McCann, Ann O'Loughlin, Jim Snoxell, Ellen Watters, Carol Weber and Arlene West.

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What's that smell? St. Anthony Park residents search for answers and solutions

by Jennifer Thorson

As he stride his bicycle and guided by his keen olfactory senses, Ken Holdeman is doing some unsavory research. Holdeman is the environment committee chair of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, and for the last three years he has tirelessly investigated the source of the odor plaguing the south side of the neighborhood. Although "the smell" ebbed and flowed over the last three years, it has gotten much worse this year, said Abby Struck, St. Anthony Park's community organizer. Described as "vinegar-y," "acid-like," and "obnoxious," it hits an almost unbearably high pitch on warm, windy days and is strongest near Hampden Park and Territorial Road.

Holdeman said he and the council investigated SKB Environmental (a city of Minneapolis yard waste composting site at 630 Malcolm), Northern Star potato processing plant, Hartzell Manufacturing, Aspen Waste System, and Prospect Auto Parts as possible sources of the smell. Now, he has narrowed the list down to the SKB compost site and a burner and potato pile at Northern Star.

Then, Holdeman said, "the people from the compost site [blamed] the potato factory and a grain elevator near Kasota that is being torn down, and the potato factory [blamed] the compost site." Holdeman said he believes the smell might be a combination of emissions from each site.

On July 24 the council held a meeting to clear the air. Residents complained and heard comments from representatives

from each site and St. Paul and Minneapolis officials. According to Holdeman, Rick O'Gara from SKB Environmental said that the company is sensitive to the problem and is committed to dealing with the problem. SKB normally "turns" the compost pile in August to aerate the inside which speeds decomposition. This year the pile will be shipped off-site.

On August 7 the council passed a resolution requesting that the Minneapolis Environmental Division provide a list of tasks and schedule for eliminating odors in our neighborhood. It also asks St. Paul to evaluate what action they would take to ensure that Minneapolis resolves the issue to the satisfaction of St. Anthony Park residents.



Struck said she has yet to receive a response from

Minneapolis regarding the resolution, which was presented by St. Paul City Council member Bobbi Megard at a Minneapolis City Council meeting, but noted that when the environmental committee toured SKB and Northern Star, representatives from both companies were responsive. "Both companies said they would continue to take action and monitor the situation," she said, "it is good to see that there is progress, but it will be awhile

before we know if it's successful."

Hampden Co-op manager Helen DuFault said she has been painfully aware of the smell, which at first she thought was emanating from the co-op dumpster. Customers coming in often ask, "What is that awful smell?" she said, but other than a few comments, she doesn't think it has affected her business. "It is not affecting us as much as [it would affect] homeowners," she said. "People don't often spend their Sunday afternoon in our parking lot, but how could you enjoy your backyard? The community shouldn't be subjected to something like that."

South St. Anthony Park resident Gregg Richardson, whose home is on Bayless Avenue, along the perimeter of Hampden Park, acknowledges that the smell is

"annoying" or at times, "really annoying." However, he said, "It hasn't bothered us much. If you live in the city, it stinks . . . you have to accept a little of that."

Richardson also said he would like to see the neighborhood and the businesses involved "find some way to keep the smell down, without closing the businesses and moving them out." SKB and Northern Star provide many blue-collar jobs, he said, and "shipping those jobs out doesn't do a lot of good."

St. Anthony Park, he pointed out, is a rather affluent neighborhood, and he said he thinks many residents don't consider the jobs provided by SKB and Northern Star when protesting the smell. "I'm interested in seeing [the businesses and the neighborhood] work things out," he said. ■

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Park neighbors build old-fashioned gazebo on Alden Square

by Judy Woodward

The streets around John Alden Square in North St. Anthony Park have long been known as friendly territory. For at least a decade, neighbors in the area have cooperated to create and maintain garden plantings and landscaping for the pocket-sized park which is located between Gibbs Avenue and Brewster Street. But this summer, they've outdone themselves. They built a gazebo.

Thanks to a Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant of \$8,420 from the City of St. Paul, a pile of donated concrete from a local business, Cemstone, and the hard work of many local volunteers, the gazebo was raised over two weekends in August.

One of the main organizers behind the project was Mark Lageson. The 30-year-old recent law school graduate termed the gazebo the logical outcome of years of volunteer effort by neighbors and friends. "People in the area started planting trees and flowers in the park about ten years ago," explained Lageson. "They maintained the area and tried to build on their earlier work. It just seemed like a natural step to build a structure which would further attract the neighbors to the park space."

Lageson described the gazebo as a classic, screenless, 10-sided structure in French provincial style. It stands 24 feet tall and is 21 feet in diameter. Planners estimate that the gazebo would cost close to \$25,000 to erect commercially.

Lageson, who moved into his Brewster Street home about a year ago, gave credit to a former resident of the area for the original idea. "Jim Rogen was the prime mover behind the gazebo. Ironically, he moved up



Photo by Truman Olson

Neighbors near Alden Square in St. Anthony Park are building this beautiful gazebo for concerts, picnics and just plain day dreaming.

to Northern Minnesota before he could see it built." Other neighbors in the area stepped forward to carry out the plan, including Reade Adams, who has been called "the glue that holds the project together."

Adams, who has worked as a landscaper, created the design plan for the space. She's also responsible for organizing the volunteer labor force, which up until now has been a fairly impromptu group. "This was only the first year we've set up a weeding schedule," noted Adams.

Lately, though, the group has accomplished a lot. Forming themselves into a nonprofit group, the Neighbors of Alden Square, guided the gazebo project through the early planning and financing stages, wrote a fund-raising brochure, and organized the two weekend long gazebo-raising sessions.

Forty to 50 area families were surveyed, and, according

to Lageson, "support for the project was almost unanimous." Adams even managed to persuade her son-in-law in the construction business to drive up from Iowa to lay the foundation.

The group's dedication has not gone unnoticed by the St. Paul City Parks and Recreation Department. Principal Designer John Wirka said that the city often sees volunteers who step forward with good—but short-lived—intentions, "but what's different about [the Neighbors of Alden Square] is that these people are in it for the long haul. They just seem to be so committed."

Wirka remarked that the neighborhood group has always followed through with the maintenance necessary to keep their park improvements looking good. "[The City] doesn't have the capability to do the detail

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EDITORIAL

Pool hall troubles

Uppity and exclusive North Oaks isn't the only gated community around. Barriers exist in many forms from railroad tracks to freeway viaducts and — perhaps most insidious — attitudes. Now, as an Asian businessman moves to open a pool hall on University Avenue in South St. Anthony Park, it's evident that restrictive attitudes are thriving here too.

Fueled by legitimate concerns about their livelihood and fears of the unknown, established business people are leading the charge against this new enterprise. Running a small business is a herculean task. Worries about parking, crime and the thoroughfare's future are valid. Worse still, this news follows Mill City Cafe's closing and the Northern Clay Center's imminent move. Given these uncertainties, this cut of University Avenue needs an articulate business development plan. Yes, quaint shops and restaurants may rest in the future, but for now the intersection isn't Soho. Admittedly, a billiard hall isn't ideal, and the landlord must entertain all serious offers.

It's doubtful, however, that this idea would be greeted with such vehemence if the business owner were a Caucasian catering to college kids with charge cards. Then again, it's presumptuous to assume all potential pool shooters are penniless delinquents with mile-long rap sheets. People of color are given conflicting messages about the American dream. Pursue free enterprise, but not here please. Seek religion, but sing softly. Embrace multiculturalism, but speak English only. Of course, the good business people on University Avenue aren't solely responsible for tackling complex issues of race and class. Yet, St. Anthony Park is an enlightened hamlet, inhabited by generous and intelligent people. So, quick — turn on the light — and welcome our new neighbors. ■

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Q & A

On location at Micawber's 25th anniversary party, photojournalist Timbre Rogers of St. Anthony Park wandered through the crowd asking the quintessential book store, autumn nearing and back-to-school question: "What books top your reading list?"



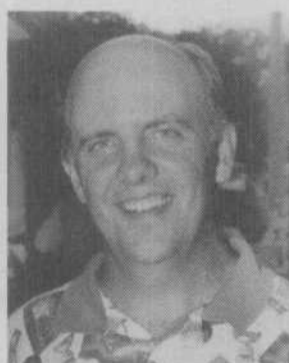
Karen Nelson-Hoyle

After reading David McCullough's award-winning chronicle of the 33rd president called *Truman* (Simon and Schuster), this history buff and biography fan is looking forward to devouring the

author's forthcoming epic about the lives and times of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.

Diane Young

Clarissa Pinkola Estes' celebrated book titled *Women Who Run With the Wolves* (Ballantine Books) sits atop the nightstand of Diane Young, who is enjoying the writer's keen insights into finding spirituality, uncovering myths and challenging gender roles.



Joe Welle

While vacationing at a cabin in Minnesota's northland, Joe Welle found Richard N. Smith's little-known biography about the country's 31st president called *Uncommon Man: The Triumph of Hubert*

Hoover (High Plains Press), which the reader described as being an inspirational tale about one of nation's least understood and possibly one of the most maligned chief executives. ■

Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Sept. 10

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Precinct 2, (East of Snelling)
Falcon Heights Elementary School,
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- Lauderdale
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LETTERS

Pharmacy Closing

It is with a heavy heart and mixed feelings that I close the doors of Miller Pharmacy, ending a 64 year tradition. I began working as a clerk at Miller's in 1974, following in my older brother Tom's footsteps. When I graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy in 1982, I was fortunate to be offered a partnership in the business with Bob Bulger and Arny Delger. I've had the pleasure of working with people like Kate and Sue Bulger, John and Patti, Carol Haaf, Judy Thorson, Jo Litzenberg, Bert Miller, Karen Fisher and others. We've had many loyal customers as well that I will miss.

However, I simply can't continue to operate Miller's. A major contributor to the decision to close is the role of third-party insurance companies in the pharmacy industry. I may own Miller's, but these companies control it. They determine how much I get reimbursed for pharmacy services, and these days that isn't very much.

The other contributing factor to my decision to close the store is the attitude of the community. There are many wonderful people in this neighborhood, ever since Bob and Arny retired, I've been slowly worn down by the constant complaints and criticism I've received from the people here. Since we began the "going out of business" sale, I've had many people comment about the fact that I don't live in this community. I grew up in Lauderdale, though, and my wife and I lived in the Park while going to the university. We even tried to buy a house here. Most importantly, even though we live elsewhere and it is inconvenient to do so, we have always supported the local businesses: ParkBank, Speedy Market, Dr. Kirkegaard, Jim Roehrenbach at State Farm, Maureen Mariano, Nick at 76, Omega Travel, etc. We've always felt that it was important to support the small local businesses because they're an integral part of the community. The cost does not always come cheap, because these businesses

can't always provide the same goods and services at the lowest prices like the "super stores" of the '90s. But, they're a big part of what keeps the neighborhood alive. My wife recently struck up a conversation with a "local" and mentioned that she was married to me. The person said, "oh . . . the new guy." After 22 years of working in this community, I am still the new guy . . . an outsider. If the people in this community don't start learning to embrace the outsiders when the Bob's and Arny's, Stew's and Nick's are gone, there won't be any business community left.

It was not easy to make a decision to close a business that I make my last payment on next month, but in the end, I had no choice.

Thanks for your patronage.

Bill Perry
Miller Pharmacy

Bandstand achievement

I am writing to the St. Anthony Park Bugle to give credit and say "Thank You" to a few neighbors who have ably planned and worked together to design and finish a community project in Langford Park. Those of you who attended the 4th of July celebration there appreciated seeing the attractive, newly rebuilt and repainted bandstand.

Residents living here before 1920 tell us the bandstand in Langford Park was built more than 75 years ago and served the community well for celebrations on the 4th, programs of the local elementary school and other St. Anthony Park functions. By the early 1990s, however, time had taken its toll, and the roof was in such bad shape that the City Parks and Recreation Department had it removed for safety reasons.

Members of the St. Anthony Park Community Band, among others in the Park, were interested in the restoration or replacement of the handstand and contacted the City Parks and Recreation Department about having it done. A price tag of well over \$100,000, however, ruled out any way this could be accomplished

COMMENTARY



Vicissitudes of Art Fair Exhibitions

by Barbara Claussen

Exhibiting my watercolors at an art fair did not seem like it would be too difficult. My husband agreed to build the booth. After weeks of meditation, he spent hours drawing designs on his computer. My booth was still not even in the embryonic stages a week before my first art fair. This was the man who, when asked to build a rabbit cage, constructed a condominium complete with spiral staircase. I should have known.

After agonizing over the cost of shrink wrap, we discovered the lowest price in town. The only catch was you needed to order 2,000 feet. They delivered my shrink wrap on a stiffling hot, humid day. I breathed a sigh of relief and left it on the porch. Frenetic preparations for my first weekend show were now in full swing. Three days later my husband was passing through the porch. He glanced at the label. "Do not store at a temperature of more than 70°." The entire 2,000 foot roll had been shrinking in the heat for three days. Well, you learn from experience.

My husband finished the booth the night before my first fair. He went next door to borrow our neighbor's trailer and realized that our trailer hitch was the wrong size for his trailer. This discovery necessitated a quick trip to another friend's to borrow a special wrench. Last minute surprises are always exhilarating. Fortunately our neighbor agreed to lend us his trailer hitch. Our own trailer hitch was misplaced in the melee and we have still not found it.

It rained that evening so we couldn't load the booth onto the trailer. We spent the entire night shrink wrapping and pricing with a little matting thrown in for a break.

Early the next morning we loaded up the booth, the paintings and the kids. We stopped at the hardware store for some wire and nails. I had miscalculated the time that it took to arrive at the festival site. We got trapped behind a slow moving vehicle on some treacherous hairpin turns and arrived late. Four of us jumped out of the car and assembled that booth quickly. Eyewitnesses were reminded of a segment from an old Keystone Cops movie.

I was a bit less than effervescent as people filed past my display. I waited. I didn't sell anything. It was like waiting to be asked to dance. Then when he chooses the blonde you wonder why. A woman paused after looking carefully at each watercolor. "I love your shirt," she gushed enthusiastically. "I wish they were selling them here."

When it started to rain later on in the day, we put up the blue boat tarp that a friend had given me. It cast a blue pall over all of the work. I kept reminding myself that it was free. We retreated into a blue cocoon while the rain pounded our somewhat shaky structure. At the end of the day we loaded up the paintings and left the booth up for the next day. The art fair prospectus had promised that security guards would patrol the area. We went home discouraged. No sales.

The next morning when we arrived at the festival site our booth was in pieces on the ground. The wind had shredded it just a few minutes before we arrived, according to fellow exhibitors who saw it lift off. That's why everyone had those weights hanging on their booths! We assessed the damage, bending over that booth as if it had been a relative. It was impossible to resurrect it in its original splendor. We decided to assemble it upside down. My husband drove into town and bought four brightly colored strips of fabric. He tacked them on top of the four austere posts that now jutted skyward. It actually looked like it was planned.

That day was excruciatingly hot and humid. Since it was too windy to put up the blue tarp, I slathered on sunblock and positioned myself inside the walls of my reconstructed booth. My kids went swimming and my husband disappeared. I envisioned him reclining somewhere in the shade with a cold drink. My mouth started to hurt from smiling. I got tired of squinting into the sun. I pictured myself looking more wrinkled after an entire day in those ultraviolet rays. No sales that day either.

We took down my exhibit in the sultry heat. We left the white panels on the grass while we loaded the paintings into our car. We were folding up the tarp when a fellow exhibitor ran over my booth with her truck. Unaware of what she had done, she smiled and waved to us as she drove off. We looked at the tire tracks across the surface of those broken panels. I wondered if having your booth destroyed twice in one day was some kind of a record.

I did not exhibit at any other art fairs that summer. The remains of my booth were placed reverently in the garage. If anyone asked, my husband explained that he was working on a bigger rabbit cage. ■

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with their limited budget.

Dan Larson and I, both members of the St. Anthony Park Band, then attended the January 1994 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council and asked it to send a request for CIB funds to the St. Paul city council to get the job done. The community council responded very favorably by placing our request on its list of proposals and sent it down town. But with many other pressing requests on their agenda, it was difficult for any group to justify spending this much tax money on a facility not used many times a year.

The matter remained in limbo till 1996, when it again

came up for discussion in a St. Anthony Park Association meeting. The board of directors pledged its support, and John Seltz cleared away the red tape, negotiated arrangements, and facilitated scheduling for the work to be done. The project was up and running.

John also did prep work (patched the foundation) and painted. Sandy McClure power washed the structure, Scott Midness pruned bushes and painted, Joan Dow Styve also pruned bushes and painted as well as getting out flyers and organizing a community session on the project. Sandee Kelsey, now president of the St. Anthony Park Association, helped promote and coordinate all of the inputs of the

project.

Tim Canfield of Home Tailors and his staff donated more than a day of their time to replace the roof. Working with Tim were Craig Windhorst, Tim Arlington, Bruce Peterson and Greg Stevenson.

Jim and Rachel Larson of Larson Home Decorating spent several evenings painting the structure and varnishing the ceiling. Kevin Keenan, former Park resident and landscape architect, will help with adding and replacing plantings when the weather is cooler. Lydia Tooker will also help with the plantings.

Bunting and decorations on the bandstand for this 4th of July (based on photos of previous celebrations)

were created through the efforts of Sandee Kelsey.

The trust of John and Bernadine Dow (Joan's parents) provided the initial and major funding for the project. The St. Anthony Park Association will take care of the balance.

To all those whose names I've mentioned, and other helpers I may have missed, we owe a huge "Thank You."

A successful community effort like I've described is typical for St. Anthony Park. It's one of the reasons why we've enjoyed living here for the past 52 years.

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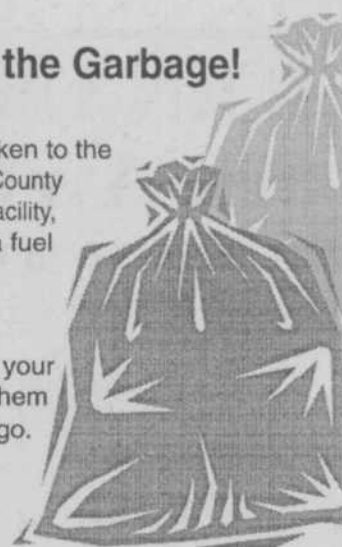
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Mill City's closing unnerves University and Raymond business owners

by David Anger

The sudden closing of the Mill City Cafe at Raymond and University avenues not only deeply saddens this neighborhood and its customers, it also prompts much concern among the surrounding small business owners about the corner's future.

When Jack Whittemore — Mill City's founder and owner — was diagnosed with leukemia last winter, he hoped to keep the business running. But as he faced a critical bone marrow transplant, followed by an eight to 12-month recovery period, he and his family realized that it was virtually impossible for the restaurant to keep its door open.

"Jack worked 18-hour days," said Daisy Whittemore, Jack's sister. "We found that we couldn't afford to replace him." Beyond these vital financial considerations, the Whittemores were worried that the stress of keeping Mill City afloat might impede Jack's recovery.

So Friday, August 2, proved to be Mill City's final day. By the following day Mill City stood empty. The plants, artwork and sign had vanished.

During its brief 16-month history, the eatery emerged as an area favorite, offering fresh and inventive food at popular prices. Mill City's zenith success also provided a spark for the corner's other fledgling businesses.

"It's a huge loss for the community," said Ellen Watters, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Business Association. "It served as a critical magnet for the area and helped other businesses." She added, "Now, I'm worried about what we can do to keep the momentum going."

Area business owners agree. Noreen Allbright, proprietor of

in the coming year. The Northern Clay Center, which faces University Avenue, is preparing to vacate its St. Anthony Park space for a new Minneapolis location. Besides these changes, small business owners are troubled about the arrival of a pool hall at 2428 University.

"It's a fragile area," conceded Watters. "For instance, with the Clay Center going away — which brings in 10,000 people to that corner — what are we going to do to replace those customers?"

These and other anxieties remain unanswered. While the St. Anthony Park Community Council authored an area plan in 1991, most of the ideas were dependent upon city financial support, which has dwindled under the current leadership.

Yet, Allbright and her compatriots aren't entirely depressed. Business at Key's and Panino's is up. Susan's coffee house and Foci Optiks are busy. Raymond Avenue Gallery celebrates its 11th anniversary this month. Even though Mill City's space remains empty, Watters is confident that a tenant will emerge.

Although Daisy Whittemore said that Mill City is gone forever, Jack Whittemore still harbors dreams of opening a larger restaurant in the future. For now, however, the Whittemores have turned their energies toward Jack's recovery, which is ultimately the most important consideration. ■

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neighborhood a really
good feeling."

— Noreen Allbright

the neighboring Succotash antiques, reported that her business is down 50 percent following Mill City's abrupt departure.

"Mill City gave this neighborhood a really good feeling," explained Allbright.

"It also made the corner a destination and brought in people from not only St. Anthony Park, but from across the Twin Cities. With the restaurant gone, there's a real void here."

Worse still, University and Raymond is facing more upheavals

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Fennelly runs the extension service

by Judy Woodward

Everybody knows about the rural county agent who dispenses up-to-date advice about the crops and the cows to overall-clad farmers. The only trouble with the picture, according to Dr. Katherine Fennelly, the new dean of Extension Services at the University of Minnesota, is that it's not very accurate. For one thing, county agents are now called extension educators. For another thing, giving agricultural advice is only a small part of what Extension Services is all about.

Fennelly, who started her job in January, likens her organization's role to a "bridge between the academic research done at the University" and those who are involved in practical applied work at the community level. "I like [Extension] to serve as a translator," she said in a recent interview at her St. Paul Campus office, "since the research community and the applied communities don't always speak the same language."

She then offered an example drawn from her own personal research interests in adolescent development. "You take the question, 'What policies will lead to healthy development of young people?' Academic research is focused on theories of development. Meanwhile, people running community-based programs for teenagers need very specific answers and suggestions for curricula." Besides serving rural areas, extension educators work in every county in Minnesota—including some very urban ones like Hennepin and Ramsey.

She was eager to reel off a sampling of the diverse programs offered by the Extension. "The most interesting thing about my job is the breadth of Extension programs offered in Minnesota. We're best known for the traditional agricultural programs, but we also offer everything from landscape architecture assistance to urban gardening advice to Native American cultural preservation efforts to environmental programs to parenting assistance."

Fennelly also emphasized that extension educators are effective, for example, in resolving disputes that arise from the collision of urban and rural values that sometimes erupt when urban residents move to the country and encounter such unexpected rural amenities as the fumes from commercial feedlots.

Fennelly thinks Bugle readers will be interested in the master gardening program, Extension programs in the area of clean waterways, and the very popular Dial-U program, which makes university experts available by 900-phone line to householders

with questions about home and garden problems. Then there's the INFO-U line, 624-2200, which offers free recorded messages on a bewildering variety of topics. If the telephone doesn't solve the problem, Fennelly added, there's always the INFO-U Fax-Back service which permits the



caller to request even more free information to be faxed to home or business.

Judging by the diversity of experience found in her own resume, Fennelly is well equipped to administer the department's great variety of programs. She started her career as the first female overseas field worker hired by the relief agency CARE Inc. Later she was a faculty member at Columbia University and at Pennsylvania State University. Most recently, she headed the extension program at Penn State. Along the way, Fennelly picked up a B.A. in political science from Syracuse University and a master's and Ph.D. in education from Columbia.

According to Fennelly, whose daughters are ages 13 and 17, the common thread to be found in her work is her interest in youth development. "I've always worked with youth in one way or another." Fennelly researched Latino youth in the United States and Latin America, knowledge which she is able to apply to Extension programs dealing with assimilation of Hispanic immigrants to Minnesota. As a newcomer to Minnesota, Fennelly was struck by the similarities between the Hispanic immigrants and the traditional Minnesota culture. "Both groups emphasize strong family values, the work ethic, the importance of children, and religion," she noted.

Beyond commenting on Minnesota's flat terrain, Fennelly is amazed by how "the rural parts are so close [to the Twin Cities]." Reflecting on the role of the Extension Service in her new home, Fennelly praised the social cohesiveness of Minnesota and the ethic of caring that exists in the state. "There is a social contract that exists here," she said, "that fits in beautifully with the mission of the Extension." ■



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Ice skating Allen brothers glide toward Olympic success

by David Anger

Soccer balls, mountain bikes and hockey sticks cram Vicki and David Allen's front porch in St. Anthony Park. All of this essential sporting gear belongs to the couple's sons, Jeremy and Peter, who rank as the neighborhood's greatest ice-skating stars.

These youngsters glide effortlessly on the fast track toward stardom. Peter, a 7th grader at Murray Junior High, shines on the hockey rink, while his 17-year-old brother, Jeremy, wins critical accolades in the rarified and highly competitive world of men's figure skating. The siblings' goals — far-fetched for most lackadaisical skaters — are Olympic in scale and quite possibly within reach.

Peter, age 12, recently returned from Norway, where he played in the U.S.A. v. Norway International Hockey Series. The hockey whiz, who plays right wing, won a place on the prestigious team after competing

against his peers from 13 states for the 17 coveted spots.

As Peter skated furiously for Team U.S.A. in the Olympic hockey arena near the charmed village of Lillehammer, Jeremy prepared for a solo performance in the 1996 Minnesota Ice Symphony. No second-rate ice skating recital, the event spotlighted Michelle Kwan, the reigning World and U.S. National Champion. Jeremy won a place on the program's roster after earning honors as the 1996 Upper Great Lakes Novice Men's silver medalist, among other awards.

For the Central High senior, ice skating is almost a full-time job. In the summer Jeremy trains at Braemar Arena in Edina under the skilled direction of coaches Mark and Anne Militano for eight hours a day from Monday through Friday. In addition to skating for three hours, Jeremy's routine includes a rigorous cross-training program and dance instruction. During the school year this regimen is condensed to three

hours a day. When asked how he finds the time to study, he simply grinned, "Umm— it's difficult."

The Allen brothers ice skating odyssey started early in life, when the entire family bought ice skates. Peter and Jeremy, then 2 and 7, took off like ice skating mavericks. Both youngsters played hockey at Langford Park and speedskated competitively before finding their respective niches.

They learn from the other's strengths — although reluctantly — since hockey and figure skating both demand high degrees of athletic gusto and grace. Despite the boys' swift success, Peter and Jeremy remain grounded about their sports. If hockey disappeared tomorrow, Peter would take up drawing more vigorously. Similarly Jeremy, should his figure skating dreams vanish, might concentrate on making music.

"Everyone has skills," said Jeremy sheepishly. "My brother and I just happen to ice skate." ■

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Peter (left), age 12 and a 7th grader at Murray, is a ice hockey demon and Jeremy (right), age 17 and a senior at Central, shines in the figure skating world.

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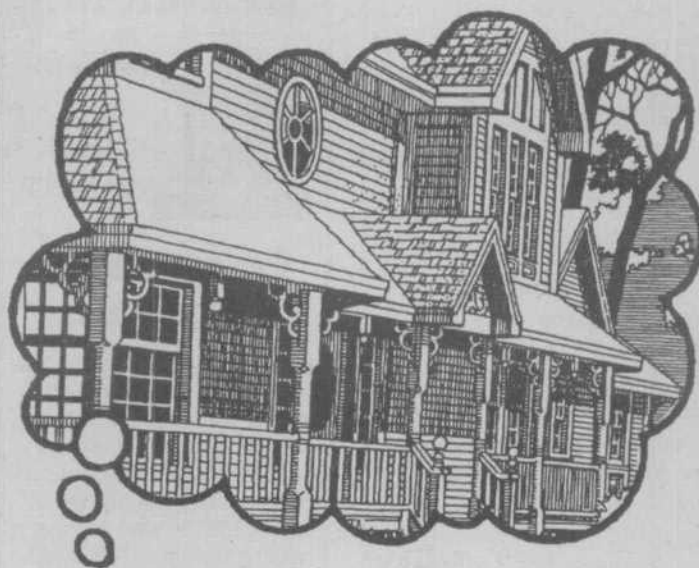
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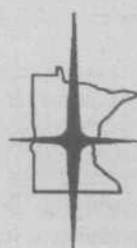
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Park registrations

* Registration for Langford Park - South St. Anthony youth hockey, open to boys and girls ages 7 to 13, runs from September 23 to October 11 at Langford Park.

* Sign up for Langford Park - South St. Anthony youth basketball, open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14, is set for October 7 to 25 at Langford Park.

* Registration for fall activities at Langford Park and South St. Anthony runs from September 9 to 20. Langford Park features after-school gym, chess club, tot time and pre-school tumbling, while South St. Anthony is offering creative claywork, parent-rec play group, adult co-rec volleyball and men's basketball.

Call Langford at 298-5765 and South St. Anthony at 298-5770.

Kid Fair at Langford Park on September 14

The third annual Kid Vendors Fair is set for Saturday, September 14, noon to 3 p.m., at Langford Park. The fair offers young entrepreneurs the opportunity to sell food and refreshments, art and crafts items, toys, books, athletic equipment, baseball cards, comic books, video games and more. To reserve space for the fair call 298-5765.

Park gymnastics

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Peterson girls perform in "Annie" production

Ashley and Elizabeth Peterson of St. Anthony Park recently performed in the Mounds View Community Theatre's summer production of "Annie."

Library storytime

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library's morning storytimes for children, ages 3 to 5, begin on Friday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m. and continue through Friday, October 18. Register at the library or call 292-6635.

Poetic aspirations

Josh Tane won first prize for his poem "Lakeside" in the American Association of University Women's 17th annual poetry contest. The St. Anthony Park resident attends Capitol Hill Magnet School, where he starts the fifth grade this month.

Soccer champs

Stephen Ward and Max Lipset led the NSSA Rovers to a 2-1 victory in the Division Two state championships on August 3 at the National Sports Center in Blaine. Ward, midfielder, played relentless defense against St. Croix, while Lipset, striker, scored the winning goal by gently looping the ball over the opposing keeper's head.

Teen night starts again

September 7 marks the return of Teen Night to South St. Anthony and Langford Park rec centers, where kids enjoy sports, games, pizza and hanging out. This gathering meets on the first, third and fifth Saturdays at Langford Park and the second and fourth Saturdays at South St. Anthony from 7 to 10 p.m. ■

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Small-town banking in the big city

ParkBank celebrates 80 years of business

by Ellen Watters

A few years after Peter Hermes started his floral business up on Larpenleur Avenue, he heard that a new bank was being chartered in the nearby community of St. Anthony Park. Hermes opened an account at the new St. Anthony Park State Bank and, 80 years later, Hermes Floral Company remains a loyal bank customer.

Since Hermes first took his business to St. Anthony Park Bank back in 1916, both the bank and Hermes Floral have witnessed many changes. Peter passed his growing flower business on to his sons and in 1978 his grandsons — Don, Jim and Tom — took over. At ParkBank, the group of St. Anthony residents who founded the bank included Andrew Boss, professor at the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture. He served as the bank's president from 1933 to 1947. Andrew's son, Wallace, and grandson, W. Andrew, continued to be involved in the ownership and management of the bank, with Andy Boss serving as chairman of the board today.

Despite these and many other changes — including both the World Wars, the Great Depression, a bank robbery in 1931, and tremendous growth in the population of St. Anthony Park and surrounding communities — both Hermes Floral and ParkBank continued to prosper in a mutually satisfying business relationship.

The Hermes' credit the longevity of the relationship to ParkBank's family-like atmosphere. Don, Jim and Tom remember coming to the bank as boys with their grandfather and having everyone from the bank president

to the teller know their names. Don Hermes, who manages the company's Larpenleur Avenue business, reports that today is no different. "When I walk into the bank everyone calls me by name, asks about my wife, talks to me about my brothers, my kids," said Don Hermes. "It may have been that way everywhere back in 1916, but I know you don't get that kind of personal attention at most banks today."

ParkBank's long-time employees help foster the institutions' community ties. Many employees live in and around the Park. Then, again, the bank remains an independent community bank, which is an increasingly rare phenomenon in today's fast-paced world of bank mergers and consolidations.

As an independent bank, the community line. "The bank's owners have always had responsibility to this community to be in serving the residents and business people," said Don Hermes, the bank's president. "To achieve that goal, we need good numbers." Beeson added that the current resident William S. Reiling, shares this our neck out on deals, taken risks, become a benefit to the community," he continued.

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Jim Hermes of Hermes Floral enjoys banking at ParkBank.

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designed the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, which sat across the street on Como Avenue. For nearly 30 years the two buildings created a beautiful effect, mirroring each other with similar arched windows and limestone and brick exteriors. Unfortunately, the bank's beloved classical facade was removed during a remodeling and expansion in the 1950s.

Later, in 1974, when the bank needed more space for a drive-in facility, it selected St. Anthony

Park resident Joe Michels to design the new building. Michels' design for the drive-in, at the corner of Como Avenue and Doswell Avenue, won an award from the Minnesota Society of Architects and shows great respect for Frank Lloyd Wright's celebrated Usonian aesthetic.

In the early 1980s space for bank employees became such a problem that several bank departments were scattered about in nearby buildings. ParkBank faced the prospect of moving away from the Como Avenue area, in effect abandoning the heart of St. Anthony Park. Finally, the H.B. Fuller Company moved out of its building on the northwest corner of Como Avenue and Carter Avenue and a new bank building was erected on that site in 1986. The Children's Home Society purchased the old bank building and continues to use it today.

ParkBank's role in St. Anthony Park extends beyond its building, though. Staffers such as John Hunt, Marvin Chapple, Andy Boss, Connie Hillesheim, Galen Cadle, and Rick Beeson are civic-minded people, whose contributions to the community are vast. For instance, Boss was one of the Bugle's founders. In addition, staff members currently serve on the boards of the Como Zoological Society, International Institute of Minnesota, St. Anthony Park Business Association, Music in the Park, Ramsey County Historical Society, Northern Clay Center, St. Paul East Development Corp., St. Paul Port Authority, Midway Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Over the course of the past 80 years ParkBank has succeeded not only in going from \$30,000 to more than \$50 million in assets, but also has succeeded in its broader mission to help St. Anthony Park and the larger community thrive. As ParkBank looks to the end of the century, Beeson reaffirms its commitment to independent community banking begun in 1916 by a group of concerned St. Anthony Park community leaders. ■



The bank's 1986 building at Como and Carter.

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Exploring the Twin Cities . . . from page 1

Nodin Press, a company that specializes in regional works, and is operated by Norton Stillman, who also owns Micawber's. Stillman read her proposal and said, "Yes, I'll do it."

French was thrilled. "If one book sells, I'll be happy," she said at the time. "Exploring the Twin Cities With Children" became the publisher's all-time best seller.

Since 1975 five revisions followed. "The first four editions were done on my manual typewriter with lots of white-out," said French. Because she believes so strongly in accuracy, each edition is totally new. She spends hundreds of hours checking all the information.

French also visits the places outlined in her book and interviews children and their parents on site.

Although it is painstaking work, French takes much pride in her accomplishment. "No one else can do it with the heart that I have for it."

She only includes entries that have real value for children ages 3 to 12 in safe environments. The institution's personnel must care about children and want them to visit or participate in programs offered.

Features of the book that have pleased readers over the years include alphabetical listings in various categories and zip code maps of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Day trips are also outlined. French's brother, Lynn Sandness, creates playful illustrations and cover designs for each edition.

"Our community has really latched onto family in the things that they are doing and promoting," said French. "I think it's really good. The more that children learn about their community the more caring they will be and the less destructive."

She found a 15 percent increase in opportunities listed since she revised the last edition.

Other changes include a predictable rise in entrance fees. In 1975 asterisks indicated opportunities that required fees over 10 cents. Even in the more expensive 1990s, French said that over half of the activities highlighted are free.

One of French's favorite places to visit include Raptor Center, located on the St. Paul campus, and the spring tour of the Veterinary Medicine Department at the University of Minnesota.

Being a librarian, French

promotes summer reading programs in neighborhood libraries. She currently works as a technical librarian and patent searcher for 3M.

When she began quietly working on her paper 22 years ago French did not realize what an adventure lay ahead. She jokes that she is one of the few university students who wrote a graduate paper that gained financial success. Her lively and resourceful adventure may extend into the future for many years to come. ■

Pollution cleanup . . . from page 1

used in spacecraft like the shuttle Columbia. In order to conduct their research efforts, the LTRI used a large wire net to funnel up to 3 million volts of electricity through and around a World War II-engine to test the effects the voltage had on an aircraft's electronic equipment.

Considering the complexity and danger of this process, the equipment housed in the university building is straight out of a science-fiction movie. "When I first walked in the building I felt like I was in a Frankenstein movie," said U of M Environmental Health and Safety Program Project Manager Gordon Girtz.

In addition to the mechanical monstrosities within the structure, a nearby tower on the property was used to photograph natural lightning and to attract lightning strikes for the sake of continued research.

To cool and control the heat produced by this electricity, the transformers within the building were housed in PCB oil, a substance considered toxic to humans. The cleanup process on

the site, expected to be completed by mid-1997, involves the demolition of the existing building and the removal of the PCB-contaminated concrete and soil. "From the city's point of view, this is a huge deal," explained City Administrator Tim Cruikshank. "The tax burden will be reduced on the residential properties, and

Lauderdale itself will greatly benefit from the expansion of the commercial and industrial tax-base."

Bolger Publications plans on extending operations on their own site once the contamination is removed from the property, while the university site will undergo development sometime in the near future. ■

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ARTS EVENTS

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St. Anthony Park resident **Doug Beasley**, who was featured in the Bugle's August issue, is teaching a class entitled **"Looking at Fashion Photography"** through the University of Minnesota's Compleat and Practical Scholar program. This class runs for six sessions from October 1 to November 12 and meets at Beasley's Minneapolis studio. For registration information call 624-8880.

Clay, Wood and Fire opens on September 6 at the Northern

Clay Center. This exhibition showcases the work of nine internationally known artists, including Dan Anderson, Rob Barnard, Joy Brown, Catherine Hiersoux, Chuck Hindes, Karen Karnes, Peg Malloy, John Neely and David Shaner. In addition to functional pots, the exhibit includes sculptural vessel forms and figurative sculpture — all fired in wood burning kilns. Opening night reception runs from 6 to 9 p.m. The Northern Clay Center is located at 2375 University Avenue. For information call 642-1735.

The Goldstein Gallery opens **"Coming Apart at the Seams: Style and Society in the 1920s"** — highlighting outstanding Jazz Age fashions and decorative arts — on Sunday, September 29, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Opening festivities include vintage cars, jazz music and Charleston lessons. Visitors are encouraged to don '20s-inspired garb. Running concurrent with the Goldstein's show is a satellite

exhibit called **"Jazz Style"** at Dayton's Gallery 12 atop the Minneapolis department store. The Goldstein Gallery is in McNeil Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. Admission is free. For hours and information call 624-7434.

LITERATURE

Meet writer **Elizabeth French** and illustrator **Lynn Sandness** on Saturday, September 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Micawber's Bookstore in Milton Square, where the sister and brother duo will be signing the sixth edition of **"Exploring the Twin Cities with Kids."**

Granny Sunshine talks about lions, tigers and bears — oh my — on Saturday, September 28, from 11 a.m. to noon, at Micawber's Bookstore.

FILM

The University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center kicks off its autumn film series with back-to-school showing of **"Ferris Beuller's Day Off"** on Thursday, September 26, 9:30 p.m., at St. Paul Field. Admission is free and runs for 103 minutes. The movie is also being shown on Friday, September 27, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., in the St. Paul Student Center Theatre. For information call 625-7772.

MUSIC

Music in the Park begins its 1996-97 season on Sunday, October 20, with a performance by award-winning pianist **Lydia Artymiw** and the critically acclaimed Twin Cities string trio of **Ensemble Capriccio**. This 4 p.m. concert is stage at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue at Chelmsford. For ticket information call 646-5266. ■



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Beyond its no-frills approach, the store's selection is huge. The store carries knits, wovens, decorator fabrics, notions, patterns and foam. Mill End Textiles operates five other stores in the Twin Cities.

— Rebecca Ostertag

COMO PARK

Peru bound Pastor Schultz

Pastor Terry Schultz, associate pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, leaves St. Paul this month for Peru, where he will spend six years serving as a

missionary and teaching at the Lutheran seminary in Lima. Terry, a 1996 graduate of Bethany Lutheran Seminary, previously completed mission work in India and Puerto Rico.

AARP meeting

The Midway-Highland Chapter #930 of the American Association

of Retired Persons is set to meet on Thursday, September 19, at 1 p.m., at the Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 Pascal Avenue.

Chet Emerson of the Boys and Girls Club is scheduled to speak about the organizations efforts to help young people. A social hour follows the program and visitors are welcome.

La Leche League meeting

The advantages of breastfeeding is the topic of the Como-Midway La Leche League's meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. For location and information call 644-0302 or 489-6356.

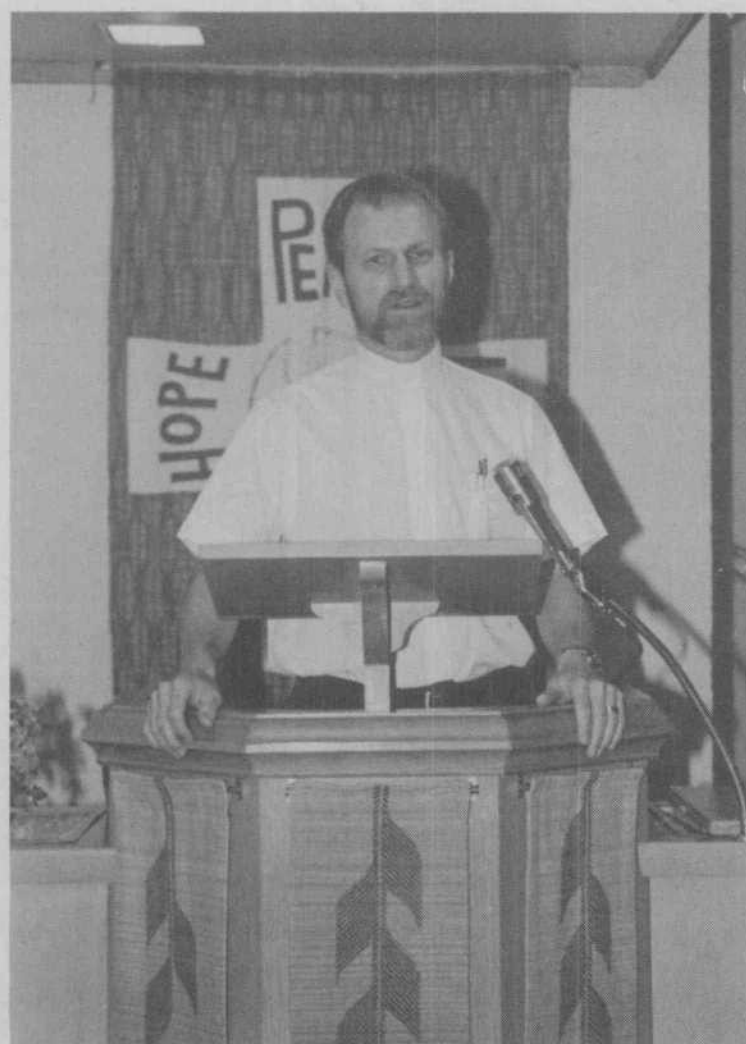
Weekly senior group

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation division is offering senior citizen groups at Northwest Como Rec Center, 1550 North Hamline, and South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell. Both groups meet on Wed. from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The gatherings feature gym bowling, darts and coffee. Northwest Como seniors also enjoy 500. For information call 266-6370.

LAUDERDALE

Rose Hill reunion

The "Old Time Rose Hill Ice Cream Social" is set for Sunday, September 8, 1 to 5 p.m., at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street. Past and present resident of Rose Hill, now known as Lauderdale, last met in 1970. For information call 631-1082 or 645-7243.



The Rev. Drew Flathman is the new pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale, where he leads worship services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Flathman, who recently graduated from Luther Seminary, possesses strong ties to the church — his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were Lutheran ministers. For Flathman, however, this pulpit ministry is a new endeavor. After working in the insurance business for five years and, before that in youth counseling, the pastor opted to pursue a divinity degree. "There was something missing in my life," said Flathman about his pre-clerical days. Even, so, he believes that everyone is involved in ministry, not just the ordained. He succeeds the Rev. Ray Geist, who served the ELCA congregation for 20 years. Flathman and his wife, Peggy, have a 12-year-old son, Reed.



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Breakfast with Mayor Coleman

The St. Anthony Park Business Association is hosting a breakfast with Mayor Norm Coleman on October 3, at 7:30 a.m.

This community-wide gathering is open to everyone who is interested in talking with Coleman about the city's role in supporting neighborhood businesses and other concerns.

Luther Seminary is the host and the breakfast meets at the seminary's Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham Street. To attend call 645-2366 before September 26.

Chinese worship service

Faith Chinese Fellowship — a group of Mandarin-speaking mainland Chinese Christians — is launching worship services on Sunday, September 8, 1:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. For information call 645-0371.

Women's investment group

Women interested in learning the nuts and bolts of making sound financial decisions are invited to attend the first meeting of an informal, neighborhood-based investment group on September 12, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. For information call Joy Albrecht at 644-8833.

Seminary unveils Luther mask

Since Luther Seminary owns one of only three copies of Martin Luther's death mask, the school is hosting a public unveiling of this rare artifact on Wednesday, September 25, following the 10 a.m. chapel service in the Olson Campus Center. The mask, along with two 16th century pamphlets, remain on display in the commons area until October 2.

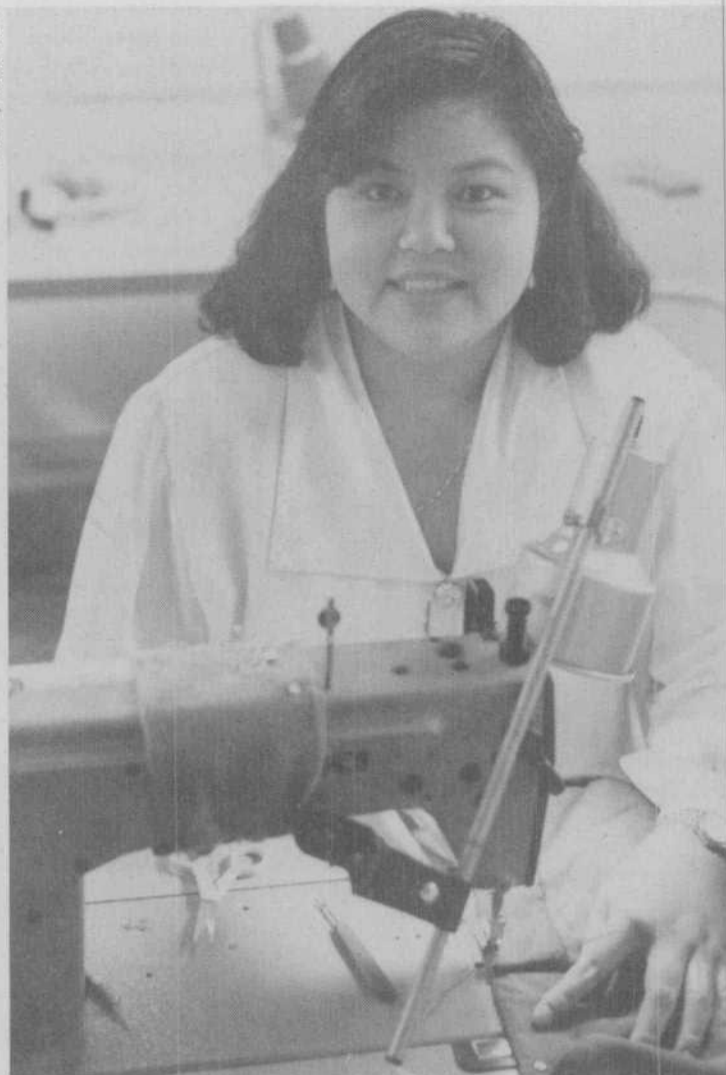
Mergenthal receives Welsh heritage honors

Mary Morris Mergenthal, St. Anthony Park resident and publisher and editor of "Y Drych" is set to receive the George Jones Award for Preservation of Welsh-American Heritage on September 28 at Green Mountain College in Vermont.

After editing this newspaper from 1985 to 1992, Mergenthal purchased the now 145-year-old Y DRYCH — which in English means The Mirror — in 1989. The paper is a vital chronicle of Welsh life.

In addition to her publishing endeavors, Mergenthal is active in local, state and national Welsh organizations, having served as president of the St. David's Society of Minnesota and the Minnesota Gymanfa Ganu Association and vice president of Cymdeithas Madog. Mergenthal's father, the late John Griffith Morris, immigrated to the U.S. from Borth-y-Gest, North Wales.

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Vuthirath Koy operates Kimly Tailors in Milton Square, where she offers alterations and custom tailoring services from hems to wedding gowns.

Luther Seminary's autumn lay school classes

Luther Seminary's lay school classes run from September 23 to October 21 and cover such topics as the life and witness of Deitrich

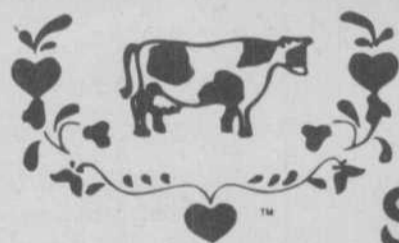
Bonhoeffer, Islamic faith and worship history. Instructors include James Burtress, Roland Miller and Mons Teig. Classes meet on five consecutive Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. and cost \$40 each. Call 641-3517. ■

Gazebo from page . . . 3

stuff. We cut the grass with huge mowers. Then [the volunteers] weed the flowers and trim the bushes. There's no extra public expense, and the neighbors get a chance to get to know each other when they're out taking care of things. It's a win-win situation."

Lageson admitted that the opportunity to develop neighborhood spirit was one of the things that drew him to the project. "The kind of spirit shown in this project is one of the reasons I really like living in [St. Anthony] Park. People have been very enthusiastic," he noted. Lageson grew up on Grantham Street in North St. Anthony Park, and is no stranger to community cooperation. For him, it represents a kind of practical ideal. "I always felt while growing up in the Park," he admitted, "that it was the place I wanted to come back to."

Lageson said that the organization had not developed any specific ideas about what to do with their new gazebo, although he said that he hopes the structure will expand the use of Alden Square by families and neighbors for parties and reunions, as well as neighborly events yet to be imagined. For a group that has managed to conjure flowers, trees and now a gazebo out of an empty piece of city land, enjoying the future should be the easy part. ■



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PEOPLE

Sharon Varosh, resident of Como Park, is the new executive director of Midwest Media Artists Access Center (MMAAC). Varosh brings to the job extensive administrative background in the arts and social services, including work as executive director for Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theater and program coordinator for St. Paul's South African sister city program. The media arts organization is located in South St. Anthony Park at 2388 University Avenue.

Maven Richardson, daughter of Jane Richardson of Lauderdale, topped the

Photo by Maureen Messer



Sharon Varosh is the new executive director of the Midwest Media Artists Access Center.

University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts dean's list in the spring.

Jacob Dorer, son of Michael and Rose Dorer of St. Anthony Park, was one of 58 Gustavus Adolphus College students inducted into the Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa last May. Dorer graduated from the college at the end of the 1995-96 academic year.

Cornell College wrestler **Mike Tressel**, whose family resides in St. Anthony Park, won a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship from

the NCAA. Tressel graduated from Cornell in May with a degree in mathematics and secondary education, and a stellar grade-point average of 3.973. He intends to pursue a master's degree in sport, health, leisure and physical studies at the University of Iowa.

Denise Rosin is the assistant vice president of retail banking at the St. Anthony Park Bank. This newly-created position is responsible for all retail banking functions for the \$50 million St. Paul owned and managed community bank.

St. Anthony Park resident **Richard Sherman** won one of nine Outstanding Service Awards for Minnesota Extension Service civil service staff at the University of Minnesota. Sherman is a senior editor and product manager for the extension service's educational development system. ■

Billiard hall . . . from page 1

campaigning to have all of the "awful" plastic awnings removed from the neighboring businesses. Both Cunningham and Miller want the billiard hall project shelved and have another retail store or restaurant opened in its place.

Ellen Watters, executive director of the St. Anthony Business Association, has received complaints about the proposed pool hall from Cunningham, Miller, and several other business owners. The Business Association remains neutral about the project, although they have offered to help Leonard find other possible tenants. According to Watters, "we want to see something that will add to the neighborhood opened in the location."

Tom Leonard, however, plans to rent out the space as a billiard hall. The establishment may open this fall without serving alcohol, but Leonard stated that a 3.2 beer and wine license may be a future possibility. ■

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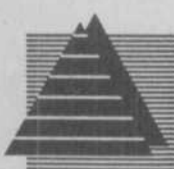
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2 MONDAY

- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Monday.
- Labor Day.

3 TUESDAY

- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call 649-4265. Every Tuesday.

4 WEDNESDAY

- Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Wed.
- Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Huntingdon Engineering, 662 Cromwell Ave., noon-1 p.m.

5 THURSDAY

- Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thurs.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. 5-7 p.m.

6 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.
- District 66 GOP's pre-primary political party and picnic with Congressional candidate Dennis Newinski, Como Park Picnic Shelter, 4 to 8 p.m.
- Youth Activity Night — grades 6 to 12 — St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside, 7 - 11 p.m. Every Fri.

7 SATURDAY

- Teen Night, Langford Park, 7-10 p.m.
- ParkBank Sparky Savers Club Summer Picnic, Langford Park, 1-3 p.m. Call 647-0131.

9 MONDAY

- Como Park recycling day.
- Park Press Inc. — Park Bugle — board of directors meeting, ParkBank, 7-8 a.m.
- Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Call 644-4175.

10 TUESDAY

- Primary Election, polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Como-Midway La Leche League meeting, 7 p.m. For location call 644-0302 or 489-6356.

11 WEDNESDAY

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park recycling day
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Full Council Meeting, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. 5-7 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

13 FRIDAY

- Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St., 11 a.m.- noon.

14 SATURDAY

- Rosh Hashanah.
- St. Anthony Park neighborhood garage sale.
- Kids Vendors Fair, Langford Park, noon-3 p.m.
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park, 7-10 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

- ParkBank Diamond's, St. Croix River Cruise, Taylors Falls. Call Marvin Chapple, 647-0131

18 WEDNESDAY

- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

- District 10 Como Community Council. Call 644-3889 for location.

20 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

21 SATURDAY

- Lauderdale "500" Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 1 p.m.
- Teen Night, Langford Park, 7-10 p.m.

23 MONDAY

- Yom Kippur.
- Como Park recycling day.
- Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

24 TUESDAY

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

25 WEDNESDAY

- District 12 recycling day.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee and Environment committee, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environmental Committee, 890 Cromwell, 7p.m.

28 SATURDAY

- FareSHARE distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 9:30-11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.
- Granny Sunshine at Micawber's, 11 a.m.-noon.
- Author Elizabeth French and illustrator Lynn Sandness sign copies of "Exploring the Twin Cities with Children," Micawber's, noon - 1:30 p.m.
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park, 7-10 p.m.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Valborg Bestul

Valborg E. Bestul, member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, died on July 15, at the age of 91.

Bestul is survived by sisters, Harriet and Constance of Falcon Heights, Signe Barnes of Fergus Falls, and Anne Wegenast-Love of Estes Park, Colorado; and several nieces and nephews.

Timothy Blade

Timothy Trent Blade, design professor at the University of Minnesota and decorative arts curator at the Goldstein Gallery, died on Aug. 17, at the age of 55, following a 14-year battle with Lymphoma.

Loquacious and erudite, Blade collected antiques voraciously, authored several books, penned a monthly column for "The Old Times" and served on the board of the Hennepin History Museum.

Preceded in death by his father, Harry, Blade is survived by his mother, Lois; brother, Steven; and best friends, Rodney Schwartz, Jane Tang and Bill Dinon.

Gerald Bourn

Lyngblomsten Heritage resident Gerald L. Bourn, member of

St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Como Park, died on July 28, at the age of 88.

Bourn was preceded in death by his wife, Ada. He is survived by daughters, Yvonne Eyer of Blaine and Sandra Larson of Inver Grove Heights; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Eugenia Davis

Eugenia Asimakopoulos Davis, longtime professor and research scientist in food chemistry at the University of Minnesota on the St. Paul campus, died on July 28. She was 57.

The daughter of Greek immigrants, born and raised in Chicago, she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees in chemistry at the University of Chicago. There, she met her husband, Ted Davis, now dean of the Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota. They married in 1960 and two years later moved to Brussels, Belgium, where Davis gained a PhD in organic chemistry.

In 1963, they moved to Minnesota. Here, Davis began working in health sciences at the U of M. Seven years later, she joined the food science department, where she spent the rest of her career.

Photo by Kathy Strauss, Minnesota Women's Press



Research by University Grove resident Elizabeth Wagner Reed, who died on July 14, uncovered many early American women scientists.

Davis is survived by her husband, Ted; son, William; daughter, Maria; mother, Mark Asimakopoulos; and sister, Kathy Asimakopoulos.

Ivy Hutchins

Ivy O. Hutchins, resident of Lyngblomsten Healthcare Center, died on August 6, at the age of 90.

Bruce Larsen

Bruce A. Larsen, founder of the well-known Schola Cantorum at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, died on August 3. He was 74 years

of age. The Schola Cantorum, a sacred-music choir for adults and children, is still active today, 40 years after its founding.

Born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, Larsen attended St. Norbert Seminary in Wisconsin. In 1941, he entered the Army and served as a chaplain's assistant in Europe during World War II. Four years later, he moved to the Twin Cities and resumed his music studies at the MacPhail School of Music, receiving his B.A. in 1949.

From 1946 to 1958, he was choral director at the University

of Minnesota Newman Club and organist and music director at Holy Childhood. He later held similar positions at St. Olaf's Catholic Church and at the Basilica of St. Mary. Larsen returned to Holy Childhood as music director and continued there until he retired from teaching in 1987.

Larsen is survived by his sister, Lavona Larsen of Michigan; foster brother, Francis Sattler of California; and many friends and students.

Annabelle Mahoney

Annabelle Mahoney, resident of Como Park, died on July 19. She was 93 years of age.

Mahoney, retired employee of Brown and Bigelow Company, was well-known for her arbitrating skills as a union representative.

Survivors include nieces, Mary Niemczyk, Katherine Peck and Irene Devinny; and many other relatives and friends.

Mary Ellen Pitzl

Como Park resident Mary Ellen Pitzl died on July 18, at the age of 67.

Pitzl, parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, belonged to the Rosetown American Legion #542 and the Roseville VFW Post #7555 auxiliaries.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Ray; son, Steve; daughter, Jane Krueger; four grandchildren; brother, Harold Carlson of Minneapolis; sisters, Evelyn Nelson of Dassel and Ruth Pudas of Cokato.

Elizabeth Wagner Reed

Elizabeth Wagner Reed died suddenly on July 14, at the age of 83. She lived in University Grove for over 40 years.

Born August 12, 1912, in the Philippines, she grew up in Ohio and received her bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees from Ohio State. Her first husband, James Beasley, was killed in action during World War II. In 1946, she married Sheldon Reed, professor emeritus of the University of Minnesota.

Reed taught at many colleges, including the University of Minnesota, in the areas of botany, genetics, continuing education for women and women's studies. She researched plant physiology, the development of penicillin, the genetics of mental retardation, the history of women in science, and was involved in developing science curricula for elementary schools.

Reed possessed a lifelong commitment to women's rights. A member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, she sang in the choir there for over 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, Sheldon of University Grove; daughter, Catherine of St. Anthony Park; sons, John Beasley and William; six grandchildren, John Beasley, Ben, Alex and Julia Westhoff of St. Anthony Park, and Avery Reed.

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Holly House Center opens its healing practice in the Park

by Krista Finstad Hanson

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"We're a practice that treats chiropractic clients in a rather traditional way," said Jodie Tooley, lifestyle education assistant, "but also our name is Center for Integrated Health Care."

Simply stated, Holly House treats aches and pains and chronic disorders, including digestive dysfunction and arthritis. Tooley described the integrated health care provided at Holly House as a way of "doing all we can by providing a comprehensive and substantial program to helping clients figure out how they can feel better for the long haul."

Dr. Patricia L. Lawler, the center's founder, pursued advanced studies in neurology and biochemistry as it applies to clinical nutrition.

The clinic sees approximately 85 clients a week. The broad client base includes children to seniors, although there is a higher concentration of women ages 30 to 55. Children are seen mostly for chiropractic care, ear infections and allergies. There is also a large client base of persons suffering from injuries due to work-related and automobile accidents.

Clients experience three phases of treatment. During the diagnostic phase all patients are seen by Dr. Lawler, who handles most of physical examinations and consultations, providing guidance to the clients. The diagnostic phase includes a physical exam, food sensitivity testing, body composition analysis, hair analysis, gait analysis, as well as the traditional blood and urine testing.

Next, the client is provided with a treatment plan and correction and treatment proposed. Clinical treatment includes chiropractic adjustment, acupuncture, nutritional supplements, and therapeutic massage.

The final stage is prevention and maintenance. This may involve engaging in the lifestyle education assistance program, authored by Jodie Tooley. This is a participative program with modules to go through, assignments and objectives to meet, and videos to watch and books to read. This program counters the tendency of countless patients who walk away with a doctor's recommendation for dietary, exercise, or other lifestyle changes that may or may not get woven into their lives. Patients develop meaningful changes by trying to counter the patterns that may stop them from achieving these goals.

"We see education as a key path to change," explained Tooley. So, the clinic boasts an on-site

education center. The large sunlit space overlooking Como Avenue is perfect for yoga, tai chi, orientation sessions and guest speakers. Recent seminars include "Embracing Menopause" and "Choose Organic."

Achieving a high quality of life is a critical component to all aspects of care offered at Holly House. To make the best daily choices in food, lifestyle, and overall health, the center provides current information about the latest holistic medical technologies.

It may be a new paradigm in health care for some, but Tooley said that there's nothing controversial about what is done at Holly House. "It's about our nutrition, fresh air, pure water, enough sleep, and having a job

you like; it's not controversial stuff," explained Tooley. "This place is about being healthy, happy and having the life you want."

Holly House hosts a new client orientation and introduction to integrated health care session the second Tuesday of each month. The next session will take place Tuesday, September 10, from 6-8:30 pm. Reservations are required — call 645-6951. ■

The Holly House staff from left to right: (first row) Jodie Tooley and Becky Adamek and (second row) Bill Brown, Patricia Lawler and Susan Tietjen.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am through Labor Day Weekend
10 am beginning Sept. 8
Sunday School begins Sept. 8 (Rally Sunday) with hard hat tour of renovation and box lunch following worship
Education Hour for children, youth and adults 9 am
Nursery care provided
Rev. Dane Packard, Pastor

✠ ST. A.P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME
Como and Hillside. 646-4859
Sunday Schedule
Worship 9:30 am through Sept. 1. 8:45 and 10:45 beginning Sept. 8.
Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm, Leisure Center with noon lunch.
Youth Activity Night begins Friday, Sept. 13.

✠ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 644-4502
Saturday Mass: 5 pm
Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and
8:30 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)
Daily Mass: 7 am at the Parish Center
Holy Days Mass 7 am, 12:05 noon, 5:30 pm at the Hi-Rise
Sept. 25 CCD Kick off

✠ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 645-3058
Sunday Schedule:
8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Nursery and child care at both services
9:30 am Education Hour for all ages begins Sept. 8
Sept. 29, Rev. Janet Wheelock, U of M Chaplain, preaching
Sept. 22, St. Matthew's Day Celebration
Bookgroups
Sept. 10, 7:30 pm: "Alone of All Her Sex: The Myth of the Virgin Mary" by Marina Warner
Oct. 15, 7:30 pm: "It Takes a Village" by Hillary Rodam Clinton
Theological Discussion Group Oct. 8, 7 pm: "Soul Making" by Allen Jones
The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector
The Rev. Lynn Lawyer, Deacon

✠ WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1040 Como Ave. at Oxford. 489-6054
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)
Sunday Church School: 9 am
Dr. Robert Bailey, Minister